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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

South Phoenix Regional Council

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Council of the – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on September 5, 2008 9:00am in the Governing Board Room of Cartwright School District Offices located at 3401 N. 67th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85033.

Members Present/Years Experience in Youth Capacity:

Cindy Segotta-Jones (28), James Washington (13), Moises Gallegos (33), Dr. Robert Donofrio (38), Dr. Eva Marie Shivers (20), Dr. Rosalind Polston (20), Christopher Canelake (31), Dr. Patricia Merk (32).

Absent:

Socorro Martinez, Dr. William Ellert.

Chairman Donofrio welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10a.m.

Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Council Member Moises Gallegos to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Council Member Cindy Segotta-Jones-Second. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

Chairman Donofrio made a call to the public. There were no requests to address the Council.

Council Members Update

Chairman Donofrio made a call for updates of the South Phoenix Regional Council. Council Member, Dr. Patricia Merk attended a conference in Nebraska in July 2008 regarding world forum on major education in Preschools. Inclusion on nature environments in Preschools in showing that Exposure to nature has lots of impact on brain development. If any further information is needed regarding the conference please contact Dr. Patricia Merk. Council Member, Dr. Eve Marie Shivers attended a Childcare Policy and Research Consortium sponsored by Federal Administration on Children and Families something that Dr. Shivers attends every year but this year's visit meant more and focused more on the Professional Development strategies to enhance and increase family support involvement. Great source of information, lots of networking. They also spoke about quality rating system, and if the council is in need for more information they would be a great resource. Member Gallegos announced that for the first time a Headstart in Roosevelt School District moved to a City of Phoenix Hosing Program. Approval was made for the slot reduction from 200 slots to 164.

Discussion and Update of Regional Needs and Assets Report

South Phoenix Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales updated the Council on the Needs and Assets report. Jonathon Gonzales let the council know that if the report was lacking data please email him and let him know. Deadline for comments is September 9, 2008 due to the statute, internal editing will then take place. No motions made.

Strategic Planning Stage #2: Prioritize Strategies, Review Goals, Set Measures

South Phoenix Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales reviewed the strategic planning process and top ranked goals from the last meeting Planning Stage #1. The Council completed this process using the following step-by-step process: Step one; Council members were asked to identify and discuss other potential strategies. Step two; council members were asked to list them and place them on flip chart pages in their category. Step three; Council members were asked to review and brainstorm strategies. Step four; council members were asked to review the sections handed out of the Toolkit and give feedback. Step five; review of each strategy based on discussion took place and strategies were prioritized. South Phoenix Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales will send a summarization of this process prior to the next council meeting.

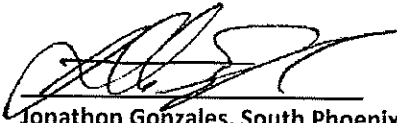
Establish/discuss future agenda items

The next meeting will be held September 16, 2008 at 4:30p.m in the Governing Board Room of Cartwright School District Offices located at 3401 N. 67th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85033.

Adjournment

There being no further business, South Phoenix, Chairman Donofrio adjourned the South Phoenix, Regional Council Meeting at 3:00p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Jonathon Gonzales, South Phoenix Regional Council Coordinator

Approved:



Dr. Robert Donofrio, South Phoenix Regional Council Chair